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### RAILWAYS AGREE ON RETRENCHMENT.

Many Employes Will Be Discharged and Operating and Improvement Cost Curtailed.

HIGH PRICE OF MATERIAL.

Believed Systems Are Waiting for Industrial Corporations to Bring Labor Situation to an Issue.

That a tacit, if not a signed and scaled agreement has been made by many of the great rallway systems to not only pursue a policy of retrenchment, but to absolutely refuse any further demands from their employes for a further wage increase, is generally accepted as a fact in financial circles.

In the policy of retrenchment not only

is a reduction of the operating cost agreed en, but a discontinuance of all extension or improvement work not absolutely nec-

This is said to be due to the high price of material used by railroads in the con-struction of bridges and tracks, which, added to the cost of labor at the scales now in effect, causes the net earnings to drop perilously near the fixed charges. It is also contended that the heavy

freight traffic is in a great measure letting up. Two of the large steel plants in the East have been closed down and in the East have been closed down and other industries by which the roads carned large freight revenue have either shut up or materially decreased their output, until the traffic is much less than formerly. Under these conditions it is argued that the number of employes kept regularly at work can be lessened and in consequence many of the men are luid off. Especially is this true in the car and repair shops, maintenance-of-way department and improvement corps.

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It is believed that the reduction of force will go on for some time, and all departments will feel the effect either in a shortening of the hours of work, when the men are paid by the hour, or the discharge of many of the employes.

The result will be the same as if the

at a certain scale or only a few at the scale insisted upon by the unions.

#### E. & T. H. DIRECTORS ELECTED. Rock Island and Frisco Interests Strongly Represented.

Evansville, Ind., Oct. 19.-At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Evans-ville and Terre Haute Railroad to-day the llowing new directors were selected; B. Yoakum, D. G. Reid, W. B. Leeds, W. H. Moore, all of New York, and J. H. Moore of Chicago.

Moore of Chicago.

The following were re-elected: George
H. Ball, Henry Setbert, E. W. Winter,
George H. Brewster, H. H. Forter, Jr.;
J. D. Donald, F. S. Flower, all of New
York, and R. K. Dunkerson of this city.
The following were elected as directors
for the Evanaville and Indianapolis Railroad: B. F. Yoakum, George H. Ball, W.
B. Leeds, W. H. Moore, Henry Seibert, D.
G. Reid and R. K. Dunkerson, The directors will meet in New York to select
officers for the two roads.

Cotton Belt's New Train. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 19.-The first run of Dallas, Tex., Oct. 18.—The trift run of the Cotton Belt's new fast passenger train, St. Louis to Dallas, arrived here on time, 11.20 a. m. The train was an hour late at Texarkam, but easily made up the arrearage. The run from Commerce to Greenville, fifteen miles, was made in 18% minutes, including one stop, General Su-perintendent Green and other officials were on the train.

Burlington's Annual Report. the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railsued, shows an increase in gross earnings of \$8,543,134, and in not earnings of \$3.

### REBUILDING

A Woman Makes Students Over.

A lady who used a famous food for convenichce made a discovery that she tells of as follows:

"I had been sick for a long time and was a nervous wreck, suffering from headache, faintness, distended stomach, palpitation and great heart disturbances.

"Two physicians said that I hid valvular trouble of the heart. I was then a widow living alone and was often too ill to got my meals; hearing of Grape-Nuts as a ready-cooked food I purchased a package for convenience only, thinking it would at least keep me from starving. "It was delicious and after a week golet, with little beside Grape-Nuts and cream, I had improved so as to be a wonder to myself. Then I took on Postum Coffee in place of tex and coffee and continued the steady use of both Grape-Nuts and Postum. This was a year ago, and to-day I am a well woman, for my heart disease is gone along with all my other bad symptoms.

"Some time ago I took charge of a Boarding Club of students of our University, and following their instructions I gave them luncheous made up of biscuits or light bread, cold meat and coffee. The result on the students was that many of them suffered from headaches, duliness and inability to apply themselves to study after luncheon.

"I knew that the trouble was the wrong A lady who used a famous food for con-enicace made a discovery that she tells

and inability to apply themselves to study after function.

It knew that the trouble was the wrong exlection of food and it was not long before I persuaded some of them to take only Grape-Nuts with cream for luncheson. This worked like a charm and one after another followed the example until now Grape-Nuts is the principal article of diet for breakfast and luncheon in the club.

"Some of the professors in the University of Missis McCandles Gets Damages. Student's brain when fed on Grape-Nuts is clear and active, the memory is good and his ambitions appear to be heightened because the body and brain are in good, steady condition. Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Well-wille."

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Columbia, Mo., Oct. 19.—The senior attractive feature of the display. The sill verware is all hand-hammered. The clot-source some search the following officers: Shepber Leffler, Maryyllle, president; L. Edith Stoney, Kansass City, secretary: Edith Dungan, Oregon, trensurer.

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ORDER WORK HOURS REDUCED. Lake Shore Desires to Secure Normal Conditions.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 19.—Orders were is-sued to-day calling for a reduction of the working hours in the car repair and loco-motive shops of the Lake Shore Railroad from ten to nine hours per day, with a corresponding reduction in pay. The order will go into effect early next week. The orders will affect all the large centers of the lake Shore and the lake Srie and the lake Srie and the lake Srie and Western roads. The reasons assigned are that the rolling stock is now in first-class condition and also a desire to reduce the work to more normal condi-

TRAFFIC CONTINUES BEAVY. Managers State That Sufficient Cars

Will Soon Be on Hand. The traffic in the Middle and Western States is said to be unusually heavy, and the railroads are having all that they can do to meet the requirements. It is said do to meet the requirements. It is said that at Omaha it is not unusual for farmers to hauf their grain back to their farms, as there is not room at the elevators for more grain.

Trains officials claim that the ear shortage is rapidly being overcome, and most all of the roads are receiving a large number of cars, which, in a short time, will afford sufficient facilities for all shipments offered.

Hillenry's Probable Successor.

formerly azelstant general passenger agent of the Rig Four, who recently resigned to on the Role Four, who recently resigned to accept the position of traffic manager of the World's Fair, has not been appointed, it is believed that C. Kratzenberger district passenger agent for the Big Four at Columbus, O., will get the place. Mr. Hilleary, before coming to St. Louis, held the position now occupied by Mr. Kratzenberger.

Railway Notes and Changes.

Is not expected to return from the East until
Friday.

—Traffic managers of the Rock Island, Burlington and other Western lines were in St.
Louis yesterliay visiting the local ornices and
consulting with the officials on the operations
of the lines, President Harris of the Burlington called at the offices of the Burlington.

—it is stated that the expectations will
built a line from Atlanta to Dawsonville, Ga.

—Nearly all the right of way has been secared for the proposed Houston, Liberty and
Sour Mach Intervinant line, fifty-seven miles,
which will connect with the Healmont and
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Articles of incorporation were first yester-day as seringfield, ill., to the North Branch Terminal Railroad Company, principal office, Chicago, capital stock, \$19,000.

A Panorama 440 Miles Long.

From the Observation Car on the New York Central a living panerama 40 miles long may be seen. This incholes the Genesce, Black River and Mohnuk valleys and H3 miles of the Hudson River including the foothilis of the Adironiack Mountains, the Capitol at Albany, the Caiskill Mountains, the Palisades of the Hudson and the New York Central's magnificent approach to the metropolis—this belog the only Trunk Line, whose trains enter the city of New York.

#### EIGHTEEN ACTORS ARRESTED. With Manager Charged With

Violating the Sabbath. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Anderson, Ind., Oct. 19.—Manager James B. Dickson of the Grand Opera-house and the eighteen members of the Guy stock company, playing here, were arrested to-day on a charge of violating the Sabbath in giving a Sunday performance. They will be tried Wednesday.

Chosen Instructor of M. S. U. Band.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Columbia, Mo., Oct., 19.—Professor Burr H. Cament of Carthage, Mo., has been appointed instructor of the University Band. Professor Ozment played solo cornet in the Carthage Light Guard Band for several years, and was assistant director of that organization. For three years he has been instructor of the band at Baker University.

Philosophical Class Inaugurated. The men's philosophical class of the Ethical lociety was inaugurated last night at the Academy of Science, Nineteenth and Locust streets, under the direction of Professor Arthur O. Lovejoy of Washington University, The urse of study mapped out for the winter t ourse of study mapped out for the winter is an investigation of the ethica prevalent during the existence of the Roman Dupire, particu-larly that of Stokes and Epicureans. The class will be under the direction of Professor Lova-joy, but lectures will be delivered at intervals by others.

Take Patients to New Asylum.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Topeka, Kan., Oct. 19.—The new State Insune Asylum at Parsons will be opened to-morrow. To-day fifty patients were taken in a special car from the Topeka asylum and fifty more in another special car were taken from the Ossawatomie asylum. It required ten guards for each car to handle the patients.

M. S. U. Class Elects Officers. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Columbia, Mo., Oct. 19.—The senior

## REPORT REFLECTS ON COMPTROLLER.

Bonaparte and Conrad Accuse State Bodies of Missouri Presby-Tracewell of Being Derelict in Auditing Post-Office Account.

Would Resign if President Dismisses Treasury Official-Payne Also Indignant.

Washington, Oct. 19.-17 President Receivelt follows the report of Charles J. Bonaparte and Holmes Conrad, he will be compelled to seriously consider the advisability of dismissing R. J. Tracewell. Comptroller of the Treasury, because of alleged dereliction of duty in passing post-al accounts in 1899 that have figured in the recent investigation of the Post-Office Department.

Former Cashier Tulloch of the Washington Post Office, who knew something of the accounts that were passed, charged Comptroller Tracewell six or seven months ago with passing accounts that ought to have been turned down. The op-

aparte and Conrad-when they were employed as special counsel for the Government in the Post-Office cases—were as-signed to investigate the Tulloch charges. It is the understanding that their report to the President severely criticised Comptroller Tracewell for passing accounts that

passed by Auditor Castle, but Comptroller —It is reported that the Brunswick and Georgia has purchased the Hawkinsville and Sauthern Florida and will build a connection and put a number of experts to work look-between the roads. ing into them. As a result of this exam-Ination a total of about \$1,000 of the accounts were distillowed by Comptroller

Tracewell, and the others passed. REPORT NOT MADE PUBLIC. It is expected that the general presenger agents at the meeting in St. Leais next Friday, will form definite plane as to the improvements to be under at Endon Station and the joint office to be installed at the Fair Grounds. It is also stated that the Fair Grounds, it is also stated that the Fair Grounds. The smalling of the interaction.

The smalling of the interaction line between clarabetics and Maticon, Di. is being pushed and the ratio will be lead this week. The road will be twelve in the long and forms a link in the system being built between Indianapolis and St. Lemis. But has largely been confined to At the same time, Mr. Tracewell gave a cials, but has largely been confined to Postmioster General Payne and Secretary

As a result of their perusal, it is said that both are displeased with the tone of the report and feel that a mistake was made in going outside of Government circles in seeking men to handle phases of the

At the same time, President Reosevelt is confronted by the question whether he shall stand literally by the report or whether he shall accept the views of some of his Cabinet officials, most of whom are familiar with the distory of the Post-Office investigation. Should be accept the view of the Cabinet members, the President will not disturb Comptroller Tracewell.

SHAWS IN TURNATUM SHAWS ULTIMATUM.

Secretary Shaw and Postmuster General Payne both are understood to have looked carefully into Comptroiler Traceweil's connection with the accounts and are satisfied that he made an effort to do white was proper and, so far as lay within his view at that time, and do what was proper. Whether he made a mistake in passing a few accounts, they do not say, but Secretary Shaw is understood to have told the President that his connection with Comptroller Tracewell had given him every assurance of the complete honesty, judicial ability and finess of the occupant of the office of Comptroller and that he would stand by him.

Rumors have gone so far as to declare that Secretary Shaw solemnly assured the President that, if Comptroller Tracewell should be forced to resign, he unhesitatingly would do likewing, believing that Messes, Bonaparte and Charad were erroneous in their conclusions and that the President had just as much right to accept the opinious of his Cabinet officers as those of special employes.

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### DISPLAY OF JAPANESE WARE.

Mermod & Jaccard Build New Balcony for Oriental Goods.

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One of the attractive features at Mermod & Jaccard's is the new balcony, where a most interesting and attractive display of Japanese art goods is on sale. It was opened to visitors yesterday, and throughout the day was crowded.

The new balcony was recently completed. It runs from the side balconies out over the main salesroom, it was constructed to make from for this display. The showing of Japanese art goods is one of the most attractive ever imported to this country. Each piece was personally selected by Mr. Goodman King on his tour of Japan, during the past summer. The collection filled 221 huge cases, and constituted the largest single shipment of Japanese goods ever passed through the custom-house.

Among the pieces are beautiful aliverware, hronzes, porcelains, ivories, cioisannes, hand-embroidered screens, teakwood carvings, hamps and other material expressions of Oriental genius from the famous makes of Murakami, Yoshida, Shinto, Kaishi, Yashuda and Kinkozan. The silverware is all hand-hammered. The cloisonnes are the most elaborate ever seen in this city, and are attracting much attention. Several of them are over 6 feet in height, and are beautifully enameled.

# SYNODS ARRANGE FOR JOINT MEETING.

terians Will Convene at Fulton.

SHAW DEFENDS SUBORDINATE SIGNS OF UNION APPARENT.

Is Reported to Have Declared He | Plans Include First Combined Communion Service Since Separation of Denominations.

> Local Presbyterian ministers think the eetings of the Presbyterian Synod of Missouri and the Southern Presbyterian Synod of Missouri, which will meet in Fulton, Mo., to-day, will be history-making events, in that the delegates from both bodies are to gather around the same communion table, and take joint parts in the celebration of the semicen-tennial of Westminster College.

> Since the separation of the two churches, nearly half a century ago, there has been no formal joint meeting of their representatives in Missouri. The union of Presbyterianism is being everywhere discussed, and this sign of union in Mis-souri is regarded as encouraging.

The session of the synods of each body is the most important meeting of the year to each of the churches. The regular time for the session of the Presbyterian Synod was last week, and of the Southern Presbyterian Synod next week.

Both bodies made concessions in order that the meetings might be held at the same time and place.

Two years ago Westminster College was placed under the supervision of both churches. The desire to properly observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the institution was the factor in bringing about the joint meeting.

The routine business of each synod will be conducted in separate churches, but on Thursday they will join in the jublice exercises.

To Give Second Euchre.

Julge John A. Hockaday will preside, and addresses will be made by the Reversed Doctor McKittrick and the Reversed Doctor McKittrick and the Reversed Doctor Cannon, both of this city, representing the Northern and Southern the second of a series of euchres to night in Northwestern Hall, Eliot and St. Louis at the second of a series of euchres to night in Northwestern Hall, Eliot and St. Louis at the second of a series of euchres to night in Northwestern Hall, Eliot and St. Louis at the game will be followed by dancing.

Reunloas of former students, torchlight processions by the present students, limination of the campus and a football game with William Jewell College are among the events announced for the celebration.

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The Altar Society of the Shrine of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church will give Sacred Heart Catholic Church will

among the events among the bration.

Many St. Louis ministers will leave the city this morning for Fulton to attend the synoids. The meetings will not adjourn until Friday evening.

NEWS OF THE CITY CHURCHES.

Plans for Missionary Conference of Presbyterians Partially Completed. The Reverend J. H. Gauss, chairman of the local committee to arrange for the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Conference which will take place in this city from November 17 to 24, has received letters from the secretary of the General Committee stating that missionaries from India, Syria and Korea will attend.

The Reverend Doctor John Bradt of Wichita, Kas., is to deliver a series of addresses. On Wednesday night the prayer meetings of six Presbyterian churches will be conducted by delegates. Sundar-there will be twelve churches supplied by them, and ten parior conferences are to be held during the week. Sunday after-roon a missionary rally will take place in the Washington and Compton Avenue Presbyterian Church.

M. E. Church, South, will give a recep-tion this evening to the new paster, the Reverend J. E. McDonald, and Mrs. Mc-Donald.

The operation performed last week upon the eyes of the Reverend Doctor B. H. Charles, pastor of the Brank Memoria Presbyterian Church, was successful, and the minister is recovering.

The winter course of stereopticon lectures at the Markham Memorial Presby-terian Church will begin November 2 Six persons were received into the member ship of the Markham Memorial Church at last Sunday's communion service.

The Reverend O. H. Duggins was yesterday elected secretary of the Ministers' Association of the M. E. Church, South, to succeed the Reverend Josephus Stephan, who resigned.

The first issue of the Valley Methodist, the official organ of the M. E. Church in St. Louis and Missouri, has made its ap-The Ladies' Aid Society of the Gano

Avenue German M. E. Church, wil meet at the parsonage Thursday afternoon. The eleventh anniversary of the Zoar Epworth League will be observed Novem-ber 1 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

Mrs. T. H. Hagerty is expected to return to-day from Sloux City. Ia., where she attended the annual meeting of the less Moines branch of the Woman's For-eign Missionary Society. A joint meeting of the Epworth Leagues

of the St. Luke's, Carondelet and Tower Grove M. El churches, will take place October 30 in the Tower Grove M. E. Church Evangelist Yatman is expected to con-

The Reverend E. A. Tabor, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon Lengue, addressed the ministers of the M. E. Church yester-day morning.

The Reverend Doctor B. Carradine began a revival meeting Friday night at the Union Mission Association Training School, which will last for ten days. The afternoon services will be held in the Training School, and the evening services in the Union Mission at No. 1822 Frank-lin avenue.

The congregation of the Ferguson Pres byterian Church expects to enlarge the

The St. Louis Sunday-School Superin-tendents' Union will meet Friday night in the Washington and Compton Avenue Presbyterian Church to arrange a provis-Pressysteman Church to arrange a prove-ional programme for the State Sunday-School Convention, which meets in this city from December 4 to December 7. It is expected that more than 500 delegates from outside of St. Louis will attend the

The members of the Marvin Memorial M. E. Church, South, will give a recep-tion this evening to the new paster of the church, the Reverend Josephus Stephan, and Mrs. Stephan.

TO OBSERVE REFORMATION DAY. Lutheran Churches of the City Will

Latheran churches of St. Louis will observe Reformation Day Sunday afternoon by a joint celebration in the Music Hall at 2:30 o'clock. The Reverend C. C. Schmidt, first vice president of the General Synod of Mis-

souri and pastor of the Holy Cross Church, will speak in German, and the Reverend A. L. Graebner, from Concordia Seminary, will deliver an English ad-

school.

The anniversary of the Reformation Day of the Fifteenth Century is October M. but since this fails on Saturday, the Sunday previous has been chosen as the date of the local celebration. MINISTER ACCEPTS CALL.

Reverend George H. Reen Will Be Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran. The Reverend George H. Reen of Co-lumbia, Pa., has accepted the call to the pastorate of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, at Chouteau and Taylor avenues The announcement was made at Sunday

morning's service. Mr. Reen preached for the congregation of St. Paul's Church several weeks ago, and a few days afterward the call was extended. He will begin his work here becomier 1.

To Give Second Euchre.

"WAR IN ORIENT WILL BE SERIOUS,"

British Legation Secretary, Just From Tokio, Says Armed Conflict Is Inevitable.

MAY NOT COME RIGHT AWAY.

Russia and France on One Side and England and Japan on the Other Is the Way He Says Opposing Forces Will Be Arranged,

REPUBLIC SPECIAL New York, Oct. 13,-The Honorable Arthur H. Drayton, who has just resigned from the first assistant secretaryship of the British Legation at Tokio, Japan, to become Secretary to the British Ambassa-dor at Portugal, has arrived here from Tokio by way of San Francisco and will depart for England on Wednesday.

Mr. Drayton has served with the British Legation in Japan for the last eight years The singing will be by the children's and previous to his appointment there that and the students of the theological had traveled extensively in the far East. Of the Russo-Japanese situation he said While it would be foolish to attempt to deny the seriousness of the situation there is little fear of the two countries coming to actual hostilites at present The fact is neither Russia nor Japan is prepared just now to plunge into war. Japan's financial condition is at a very low ebb and Russus is not ready in other

> owever, Russia is far better prepared to When the clash does come-and there is no doubt it will come, and that in

respects to fight. Of the two countries

the very near future, too-it will be a very serious one, indeed. There is no longer any doubt, however, as seems to be the general impression,

Annual Mission Meeting.

The annual district meeting of the Weman's Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church. South, will take place Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in the Cook Avenue M. E. Church, South Lenchson will be served.

Company Obtains Judgment.
Judgment for E. Els & was given against the Leichele Power Company in Judge Einenly's division of the Circuit Court yesterday in favor of E. S. Souther Iron Company. The Lexibe company furnished power for the Souther content of the Circuit Court yesterday in favor of E. S. Souther Iron Company. The Lexibe company furnished power for the Souther content of the Circuit Court yesterday in favor of E. S. Souther Iron Company. The Lexibe company furnished power for the Souther content of the Circuit Court yesterday in favor of the Circuit Court yesterday of the Circuit yesterday of the Circuit Court yesterday of the Circuit yes

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CALL STATEHOOD CONVENTION Indian Territory Will Ask for

One Congressman.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Ardmere, I. T., Oct. 19.—A call will be issued thin week by Mayors of Indiana Territory towns for a convention at South hecessarily mean war between Russia and France on the one sade and England and Japan on the other.

"Shortly before leaving Tokio, I went to say good-by to Baron Komura, the Japanese Foreign Municipal and Japan would represent the Management of Indiana Territory to elect a Delegate to Congress.

This convention takes the place of a former call for a convention to be held in the same city October 28. The convention is nonpartisan and single and double statehooders alike are interested in the movement.

Election Contest Dismissed.

The election contest of Charles E. Mohrstaft against John T. Dolan for the concealeship of the Ninth District was dismissed in Judge Hough's division of the Circuit Court year-clay by the plantiff. Mohrstandt was the defeated Repositions candidate for the office at the last

Alfred Freymark obtained indoment in the Circuit Court yearrday against the St. Louis Transit Company for 200 for personal inju-rites.

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